

Work sample: Timeline of Australian history

Relevant part of the achievement standard

By the end of Year 5 students place some of the key events and people they have studied in chronological sequence and they create timelines with annotations referring to time and place.

When researching, students develop questions about the past to inform an historical inquiry. They identify relevant sources and locate information and evidence related to their inquiry.

Students compare and record relevant information from a range of sources. They examine sources to identify the views expressed and the attitudes represented. Students identify the causes and effects of an event or development and the feelings and motivations of individuals and groups at the time. They explain the significance of people and events in bringing about change.

Students compose historical texts, particularly narratives and descriptions. When writing their texts, they incorporate source materials and use appropriate historical terms and concepts. They present their information and findings using combinations of written and spoken text, graphics and pictures and in a range of communication forms including digital technologies.

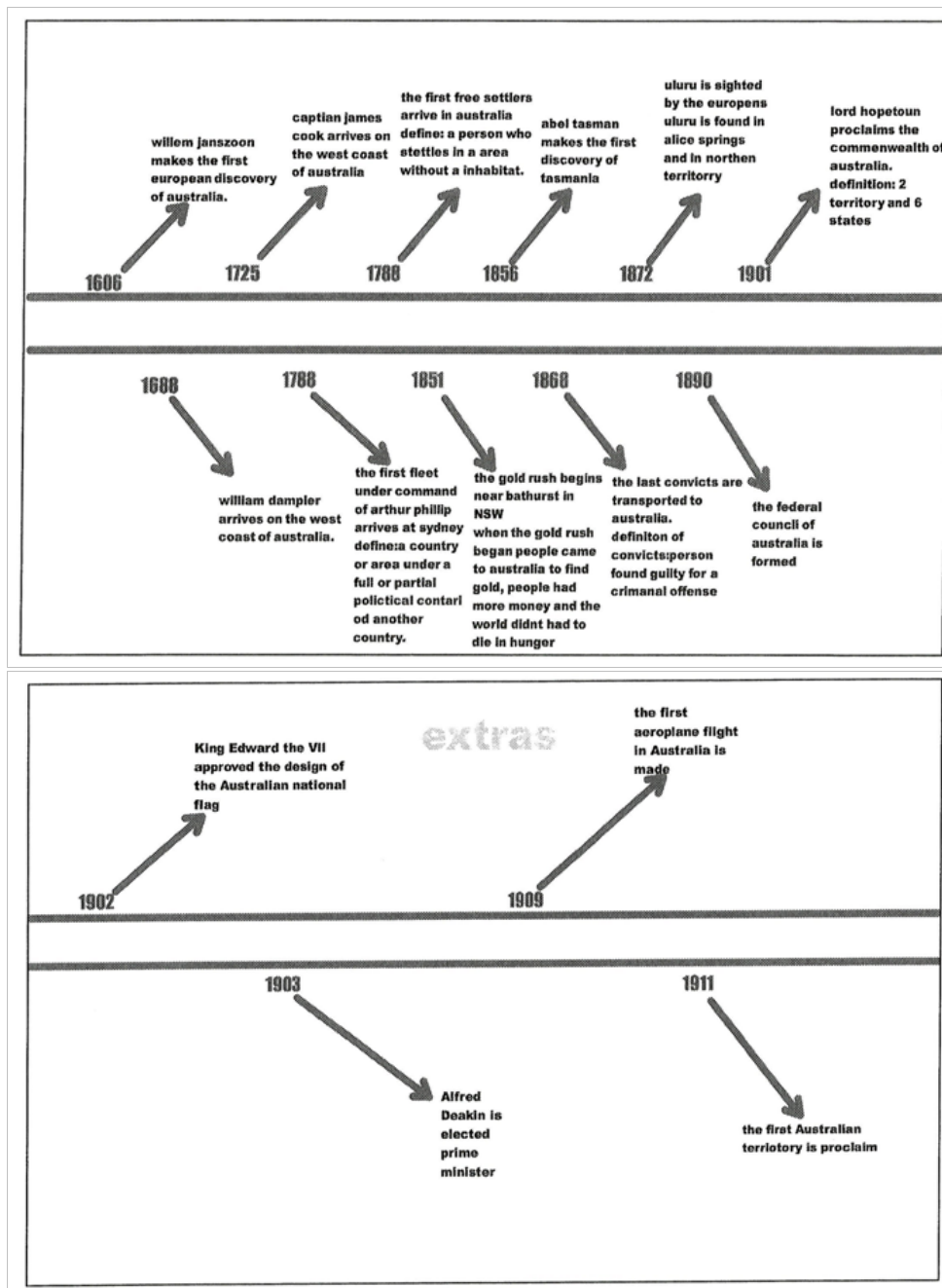
Summary of task

Students were asked to:

1. Find the dates for 12 events in Australia's history (these events were given to them).
2. Research to find 4 additional events.
3. Create a timeline plotting the significant events (16 in total).
4. Annotate their timelines with descriptions of the events.

Student attainment of the achievement standard is determined at the end of a reporting period after reviewing relevant assessment evidence.

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Annotations

Creates a chronological sequence of key events using a timeline.

Annotates the timeline with descriptive details, such as the Gold Rush (1851).

Uses appropriate terms, for example free settlers, Commonwealth, Gold Rush.

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